



# BIOGRAPHY

## *United States Air Force*

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### **COLONEL MERRI B. UCKERT**

Colonel Merri B. Uckert is the commander, 18th Support Group, Kadena Air Base, Japan.

The colonel earned her commission through Officer Training School in 1979. She has been a squadron commander and deputy support group commander. She has also served at air staff, major air command, unified command and wing and base level in various capacities. Colonel Uckert assumed her current position in September 1997.

#### **EDUCATION:**

1977 Bachelor of arts degree in international studies, The American University, Washington, D.C.  
1982 Masters degree in business administration, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Mich.  
1984 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
1991 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
1995 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

#### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. October 1978 – February 1979, student, Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, Texas.
2. February 1979 – October 1980, assigned as an assistant nonappropriated funds financial management officer in the morale, welfare and recreation division, 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Support Group at Langley AFB, Va.
3. October 1980 – March 1983, morale, welfare and recreation management officer, Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.
4. March 1983 – May 1984, assistant chief of protocol division, Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.
5. May 1984 – July 1984, student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
6. July 1984 – August 1984, honor graduate, Academic Instruction School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. August 1984 – July 1986, AFROTC assistant professor of aerospace studies, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Ill.
8. July 1986 – July 1988, executive officer to the center commander, Chanute AFB, Ill.
9. July 1988 – August 1990, assistant chief, attaché affairs and international protocol, Office of the Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
10. August 1990 – June 1991, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. June 1991 – February 1992, chief of morale, welfare and recreation division, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.
12. February 1992 – September 1992, commander, 51<sup>st</sup> Morale, Welfare, Recreation and Services Squadron during the 51<sup>st</sup> Wing reorganization, Osan AB, Republic of Korea.
13. September 1992 – January 1994, chief of protocol, Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.
14. January 1994 – June 1994, chief, force management division, directorate of personnel, Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.
15. June 1994 – June 1995, student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
16. June 1995 – September 1997, deputy commander, 325<sup>th</sup> Support Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

17. September 1997 - present, chief of protocol, Headquarters, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with two oak leaf clusters  
National Defense Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant Feb 1, 1979  
First Lieutenant Feb 1, 1981  
Captain Feb 1, 1983  
Major Mar 1, 1988  
Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 1993  
Colonel Mar 1, 1999